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In re Application of:

Peter F. Whittington, M.D.

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For: Delivery Devices and Methods of  
Delivering Liquids and Nutrition to  
Patients

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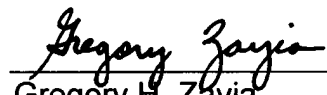
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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**REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
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EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)</small>					
	A16	Division of Pediatric Surgery, Children's Memorial Hospital; <i>Gastrostomy Tubes and Feedings: A Parent's Guide</i> , February 2001, pp. 1-16.				
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